

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to a printing device control method capable of outputting data while inserting separation paper between OHP sheets when it is undesirable for OHP sheets or the like that output results overlap each other. When an output order flag representing the printing order is set, and a separation printing function is set, the output order flag value is checked (S603). For backward printing, separation page output processing (S606) is performed before page data spool processing (S607). For forward printing, page data spool processing (S604) is performed before separation page output processing (S605). This makes it possible to normally output separation paper regardless of the printing order. When a printing device has a blank paper saving function, and printing on separation sheet is set off, the blank paper saving function can be invalidated to normally output separation paper.